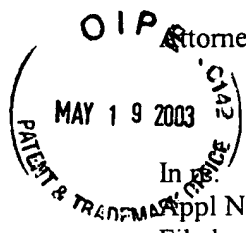


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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Official Action dated May 1, 2003, in which the Examiner noted that the prior response to the restriction requirement did not provide an election of species. As set forth below, this response does provide an election of species and is therefore fully responsive.

The Official Action reiterated the restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1-57 and Group II namely Claims 58-64. As set forth by the prior response, Applicant provisionally elected with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-57) and expressly reserved the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims. The Official Action also imposed an election of species with the species identified in relation to the figures with separate species identified for Figs. 1-14, Fig. 15, Fig. 16, Fig. 17, Fig. 18, Fig. 19, Fig. 20, Figs. 21 and 22, Fig. 23, Fig. 24, Fig. 25 and Fig. 26. Moreover, the Official Action identified independent Claim 1 as a generic claim.

Applicants concur that independent Claim 1 is generic, and also submit that dependent Claims 2-6, 17 and 20 are generic. Applicants also hereby elect the species represented by Figs. 1-14. In addition to independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-6, 17 and 20 which are generic, Applicants submit that independent Claims 47 and 55 and dependent Claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 18, 19, 22, 26-36, 56 and 57 are also readable on the elected species.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

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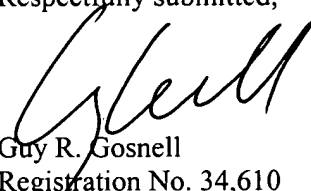
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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

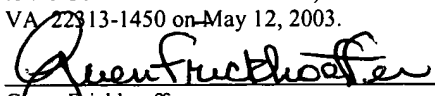
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